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For detailed operating and safety information, please consult your Owner's Guide.

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# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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## LOCATION OF SPARE TIRE AND TOOLS

Your vehicle is equipped with a temporary spare tire, which is smaller than a regular tire, and designed for emergency use only. The jack, spare tire, jack handle, and lug nut wrench are located in the cargo cover in the trunk of the vehicle.

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## TIRE PRESSURE

Safe operation of your Five Hundred requires that your tires be properly inflated. The Ford recommended inflation pressure is found on the Tire Label or the Certification Label located near the front door latch on the driver's side. At least once a month and before long trips, inspect each tire and check the air pressure with a tire gauge. Don't forget the spare. Air pressure should be checked when the tires are cold. Inflate all tires to the inflation pressure recommended by Ford Motor Company.

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## HOOD RELEASE

To open the hood, pull the hood release handle under the bottom of the instrument panel near the steering column. Go to the front of the vehicle and release the auxiliary latch located under the front center of the hood. Use the prop rod to support the raised hood.

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## FUSES

If your electrical components aren't working properly, a fuse may have blown. For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.

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## ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

In addition to your New Vehicle Limited Warranty, Ford provides new vehicle owners with a complimentary roadside assistance program. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for three years or 36,000 miles (57,900 km). It covers changing a flat tire, jump starts, limited fuel delivery, lock-out assistance, and towing of your vehicle.

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## FUEL PUMP SHUT-OFF SWITCH

This device stops the electric fuel pump from sending fuel to the engine when your vehicle has had a substantial jolt. After an accident, if the engine cranks but does not start, this switch may have been activated. The fuel pump shut-off switch is located in the front passenger footwell area in the right upper corner.

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## UNDERSTANDING THE CVT (IF EQUIPPED)

Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT)

The CVT is a fully automatic transmission that electronically monitors vehicle system inputs/outputs and driver demands to select the desired drive ratio. Unlike traditional automatic transmissions, the CVT continually adjusts the optimum overall drive ratio between engine and drive wheels for all operating conditions.

As traditional automatic transmissions shift up or down in gears, this shifting in gear ratios is noticeable by increasing and decreasing engine RPM, which causes a slight energy loss as the gears change. These gear changes can be felt by the driver.

With the CVT, there is no energy transfer loss from shifting because there is no gear shifting up or down. Acceleration up to vehicle operating speed is smooth and continuous, uninterrupted by gear shifting. The same holds true for coasting down to idle, smooth and continuous.

Unlike traditional automatic transmissions, the CVT offers more responsive performance and increased fuel economy.

The use of fluids other than the recommended fluid could seriously damage internal transmission components. For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.

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## UNLEADED FUEL RECOMMENDATIONS

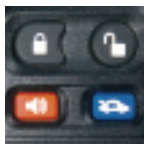
For optimum performance, use "Regular" unleaded fuel with a pump (R+M)2 octane rating of at least 87. We do not recommend the use of gasolines labeled as "Regular" with octane ratings of 86 or lower that are sold in high altitude areas.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



## POWER MIRRORS

To adjust your mirrors, rotate the control clockwise to adjust the right mirror and counterclockwise to adjust the left mirror. Move the control in the direction you wish to tilt the mirror. Then rotate the control to the center position to lock the mirrors in place.



## REMOTE ENTRY SYSTEM

Your vehicle is equipped with a remote entry system, which allows you to lock or unlock the vehicle's doors and open the trunk without a key. It also allows you to activate the panic alarm with the key in the 1 (LOCK) or 2 (ACC) position. The remote entry system can also control the memory seat, power mirrors, and adjustable pedals feature (if equipped). For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.



## KEYLESS ENTRY KEY PAD

The keyless entry key pad can be used to lock or unlock the doors without using a key. It can also control the memory seat, power mirrors, and adjustable pedals features (if equipped). For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.



## MEMORY FEATURE (IF EQUIPPED)

This feature will allow you to set two positions for the driver's seat, power mirrors, and adjustable pedals (if equipped). Set the position by pressing the SET button (indicator will illuminate) then press the 1 or 2 button to set the position to either Driver 1 or Driver 2. This memory setting can then be recalled when you press the 1 or 2 button, enter Customer Code 1 or 2 on the keypad, or when you press unlock on the remote entry system (one of your remote transmitters is associated with Driver 1 and the other transmitter is associated with Driver 2).



## AUTOLOCK

Your vehicle is equipped with an autolock feature. The autolock feature will automatically lock all doors when your vehicle is in motion and meets a set of conditions, as described in your Owner's Guide. Your vehicle comes with this feature enabled. You can enable or disable this feature by following the activation or deactivation procedure outlined in your Owner's Guide.



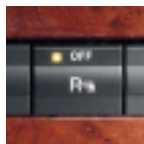
## ADJUSTABLE PEDALS (IF EQUIPPED)

The accelerator and brake pedal should only be adjusted when the vehicle is stopped and the gearshift is in the P (Park) position. Press the top of the control to adjust the pedals away from you or press the bottom of the control to adjust the pedals toward you.



## HOMELINK® (IF EQUIPPED)

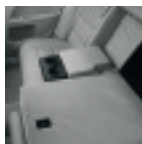
The HomeLink® Wireless Control System on the driver's visor provides a convenient way to replace up to three handheld transmitters with a single device. This feature will operate most garage doors, entry gate operators, security systems, and home or office lighting. For programming, please consult your Owner's Guide.



## REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM (IF EQUIPPED)

The Reverse Sensing System (RSS) sounds a tone to warn the driver of obstacles near the rear bumper when R (Reverse) is selected and the vehicle is moving at speeds less than 3 mph (5 km/h). The system is not effective at speeds above 3 mph (5 km/h) and may not detect certain angular or moving objects.

# SEATING



## SPLIT-FOLDING REAR SEAT

One or both rear seat backs can be folded down to provide additional cargo space.

To lower the seat backs, pull the strap located on the outboard side of the seat back to release it, and then fold the seat back down.

Note: When raising the seat back(s), make sure to firmly lock into place and tug forward to assure that it is fully latched.

## FRONT PASSENGER FOLD FLAT SEAT BACK

(IF EQUIPPED)

The front passenger seat back can be folded down to a horizontal position to allow room for a long load. Ensure that the seat is in the rearmost position and the head restraint is fully down, prior to pulling the strap located on the back of the seat back.



## DUAL ZONE AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL WITH HEATED SEATS (IF EQUIPPED)

### DRIVER AND PASSENGER SIDE TEMPERATURE

Set desired cabin temperature with the **1** or **4** blue and red buttons. Press **1** for driver's side, **4** for passenger's side. Recommended settings 72°F (22°C) to 75°F (24°C).

### DUAL CONTROL (IF EQUIPPED)

Press **10** DUAL to engage/disengage separate passenger side temperature control. For controls without a **10** DUAL button, press and hold **2** AUTO to engage/disengage separate passenger side temperature control.

### AUTOMATIC OPERATION

Set desired **1** cabin temperature.

Press **2** AUTO button for full automatic operation. The system will automatically adjust airflow temperature, fan speed, airflow direction, A/C, and recirculated air based on the selected temperature to

heat or cool the vehicle to the desired temperature as quickly as possible.

### MAX A/C OPERATION

**AUTOMATIC OPERATION:**  
Press **2** AUTO button for full automatic operation. Do not override A/C or recirculated air. Set temperature to 60°F (15.5°C).

**VERRIDE OPERATION:**  
Select **7** air distribution.

Select **8** A/C and **9** recirculated air. Use recirculated air with A/C to provide colder airflow. Set temperature setting to 60°F (15.5°C).

Initially set to highest fan speed **5**, then adjust to maintain comfort.

### MANUAL OVERRIDE OPERATION

Press **1** to set desired cabin temperature.

Adjust any of the following for personal comfort preferences: **5** fan speed, **7** airflow direction, **8** A/C, and **9** recirculated air. Fan speed, A/C, and

recirculated air overrides will not turn off the AUTO indicator light. Airflow direction overrides will turn off the AUTO indicator light.

### ONE BUTTON AIRFLOW DIRECTION CONTROL (IF EQUIPPED)

Press **7** repeatedly to select airflow direction.

### DEFOGGING/DEMISTING

Press **3** to distribute outside air through the windshield defroster vents and demister vents.

To reduce humidity buildup in the vehicle, do not drive with the Climate Control turned off. Also, do not drive with recirculated air selected unless A/C is operating.

### HEATED SEATS (IF EQUIPPED)

Press **6** to cycle through available settings of high heat (2 lights), low heat (1 light), and off (no lights).

# CLIMATE CONTROL



## PREMIUM/AUDIOPHILE IN-DASH 6-CD SOUND SYSTEM (IF EQUIPPED)

### ON/OFF/VOLUME CONTROL

Press **5** to turn the system ON or OFF. Turn to increase or decrease volume. If the volume is set above a certain level and the ignition is turned off, the volume will come back on at a "nominal" level when the ignition switch is turned back on.

### TUNER / DISC SELECTOR

Press **15** or **11** SEEK to manually go up or down the radio frequency band or to select a desired disc. Also use in menu mode to select various settings.

### BASS / TREBLE

Press **10** MENU until Bass or Treble settings are displayed, adjust using the **11** or **13** SEEK control.

## PREMIUM IN-DASH SIX CD / MP3 SOUND SYSTEM

### LOAD

Press **2** LOAD to begin the CD load sequence. Press and hold to autoload up to 6 CDs.

### BALANCE / FADE

Press **10** MENU until Balance is displayed, press to adjust the audio between the left and right speakers using the **11** or **13** SEEK controls. Press **10** MENU again to display Fade, press the **11** or **13** SEEK controls to adjust the audio between the front and rear speakers.

### CD

Press **6** to enter CD mode. If a CD is already loaded into the system, the CD will begin playing where it last ended.

### DISC SELECTOR

Press **3** or **4** to select a desired disc. Also use in menu mode to select various settings.

### CD FAST FORWARD

Press **15** FF to manually advance in a CD track.

### CD REWIND

Press **14** REW to manually reverse in a CD track.

### CD EJECT

Press **1** to eject a CD. Press and hold to eject all CDs.

### AM / FM

Press **7** to select AM or FM frequency bands.

### SCAN FUNCTION

Press **12** SCAN for a brief sampling of radio stations or CD tracks. Press again to stop.

### MP3 TRACK / FOLDER MODE

In Track mode, pressing **11** or **13** SEEK will scroll through all tracks on the disc. In Folder mode, pressing **11** or **13** SEEK will scroll only through tracks within a selected folder.

### SEEK FUNCTION

Press **15** or **11** SEEK to access the next/previous strong station or track.

### SETTING MEMORY PRESETS

To set a station: Press **7** to select AM or FM frequency band, tune to a station, then press and hold a preset button until the sound returns.

### SETTING THE CLOCK

Press **10** MENU until SELECT HOUR or SELECT MINS is displayed. Press the up and down **13** or **11** SEEK control to manually increase or decrease the time. Press **10** MENU again to disengage clock mode.

### FOLDER FUNCTION

Press **17** or **16** FOLDER to access next or previous folder on MP3 discs.

# AUDIO SYSTEMS



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## FORD FIVE HUNDRED



Your new Five Hundred speaks volumes without saying a word. You have chosen well. Your new Ford Five Hundred is the car that was built around you. Surrounding you with sleek, trim good looks and unexpected luxury. Putting you in command with impeccable road manners. And giving you the peace of mind knowing you're driving one of the smartest cars the road has ever known. This Quick Reference Guide was designed to help you get to know your new Five Hundred. For the most detailed information, consult your Owner's Guide.

So, let's get to know your new Five Hundred. The road is waiting.





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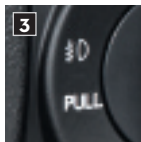
### HEADLAMP CONTROL

Turning the headlamp control clockwise to the first position turns on the parking lamps, instrument panel lamps, license plate lamps, and the tail lamps. Continuing to turn the headlamp control to the second position turns on the headlamps. To use the autolamp light-sensitive, automatic on-off control for the headlamps, turn the headlamp control counterclockwise. To turn autolamps off, turn the control clockwise to the OFF position. To activate the high beams, simply pull the turn signal lever towards you to the second detent. Pull the lever towards you again to deactivate high beams. Use the same lever to activate the "Flash to Pass" feature. Pull the lever towards you to the first detent to activate and release it to deactivate.



### PANEL DIMMER

Use to adjust the brightness of the instrument panel and all applicable switches in the vehicle during headlamp and parking lamp operation. Move the control to the full upright position, past detent, to turn on the interior lamps.



### FOGLAMP CONTROL

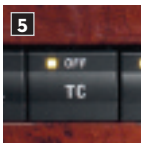
(IF EQUIPPED)

With the ignition on, the foglamps can be turned on when the headlamp control is in the parking lamp, headlamp or autolamp position, and the high beams are not on. Simply pull the headlamp control toward you to turn on the foglamps. The foglamp indicator light will illuminate. The foglamps will not operate when the high beams are activated.



### WINDSHIELD WIPER WASHER

The multifunction lever controls the windshield wiper modes, speeds, and the windshield washer. For intermittent operation, move the control up one position. You can then adjust the rotary control to the desired interval speed. For normal or low wiper speed, move the control up two positions from OFF. For high speed operation, move the control up three positions from OFF. For windshield washer control, pull the end of the lever toward you. With a quick pull and hold, the wipers will swipe three times with washer fluid. With a long pull and hold, the wipers will activate washer fluid for up to ten seconds.



### TRACTION CONTROL™

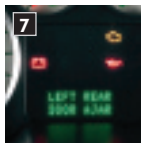
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This system helps you maintain the stability and steerability of your vehicle on slippery road surfaces such as snow, ice or gravel. The system works closely with many elements already present in the Anti-Lock Braking System. The system defaults to ON, however, should you become stuck, try switching the Traction Control™ off.



### SPEED CONTROL

For your speed control to work, you must press and release the ON button. Pressing and releasing the OFF button disengages the system and turns it off. Speed control does not work at speeds below 30 mph (48 km/h). To set a speed, accelerate to the desired speed, press the SET button, then take your foot off the accelerator pedal. You can increase speed using speed control by pressing and releasing the SET+ button until you reach the desired speed; increasing speed by 1 mph (1.6 km/h) with each tap. You can decrease speed in the same way using the SET- button. Pressing the RSM (resume) button will automatically return the vehicle to the previously set speed. The RSM control will not work if the vehicle speed is below 30 mph (48 km/h) or if the OFF button was pressed. To disengage the speed control, press the OFF or CNCL button or press the brake pedal.



### MESSAGE CENTER

(IF EQUIPPED)

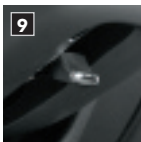
With the ignition in the ON position, the message center displays important vehicle information by constantly monitoring vehicle systems. You may select display features on the message center for a display of status. The system will also notify you of potential vehicle problems with a display of system warnings. For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.



### STEERING WHEEL AUDIO CONTROLS

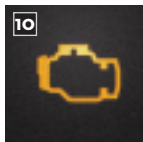
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These controls allow you to adjust the radio and CD features from the steering wheel. Press MEDIA to select AM, FM1, FM2 or CD. Press SEEK+/- to access the next/previous strong station or track on a CD. Press VOL+/- to adjust volume and MUTE to mute the volume.



#### TILT STEERING COLUMN

To adjust the steering wheel, push the adjustment lever down to unlock the steering column. While the lever is down, tilt the steering column to your desired position. Then, while holding the steering column in place, pull the lever up to its original position to lock the steering column. Do not adjust while driving.



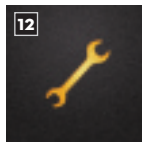
#### CHECK ENGINE LAMP

The Check Engine indicator light illuminates when the ignition is first turned to the ON position to check the bulb. If the light turns solid or blinks, the On Board Diagnostics System has detected a malfunction. Drive in a moderate fashion (avoid heavy acceleration or deceleration) and have your vehicle serviced immediately.



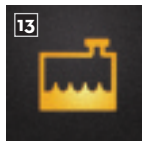
#### ABS WARNING LAMP

In an emergency, apply continuous force to the brake pedal. Do not pump the brakes. Any pulsation or mechanical noise you may feel or hear is normal. If the light doesn't illuminate or stays on, have your vehicle serviced. Normal braking is still functional unless the brake warning light is also illuminated.



#### THROTTLE CONTROL/TRANSMISSION LAMP

The Throttle Control/Transmission Lamp illuminates when a powertrain fault has been detected. Contact your dealer as soon as possible.



#### ENGINE COOLANT LAMP

The Engine Coolant Lamp illuminates when the engine coolant is low. Stop the vehicle as soon as possible and let the engine cool.

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# INSTRUMENT PANEL